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WORKING GROUP (05.03), VISIT OF RAIL MINISTER

PAVLOVSKIY (05.00)

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1. LUKOV OF MINRAIL PHONED AUGUST 28 CONCERNING
PAVLOVSKIY VISIT. HE SAID PAVLOVSKIY ACCEPTS, IN
PRINCIPLE, THE DATES PROPOSED REFTEL A FOR HIS VISIT
TO THE US. HOWEVER, LUKOV SAID IT WOULD BE MORE
CONVENIENT FOR HIM TO COME DURING THE NOVEMBER 10 - 20
PERIOD.

2. LUKOV REPEATED THAT PROGRAM INTERESTS FOR
PAVLOVSKIY WERE THE SAME AS THOSE OF THE RAIL
DELEGATION HE WOULD BE HEADING WHICH WERE ALREADY
CONVEYED TO US SIDE (REF C).

3. LUKOV STATED SOVIETS WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE
ANY FURTHER PLANS UNTIL THEY RECEIVE THE FORMAL
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INVITATION TO PAVLOVSKIY.

4. COMMENT: AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, LATE OCTOBER -
EARLY NOVEMBER PERIOD IS BUSY ONE FOR SOVIET OFFICIALS
BECAUSE OF ANNIVERSARY OF THE REVOLUTION CELEBRATIONS.
PAVLOVSKIY'S ACCEPTANCE "IN PRINCIPLE" OF DATES US
PROPOSES FOR HIS VISIT MAY BE A WAY OF SAVING FACE IF

A FORMAL INVITATION IS NOT FORTHCOMING. LUKOV INDICATED
BALL IS NOW IN OUR COURT.

5. WE WILL CONTINUE TO TEMPORIZE WITH SOVIETS ON
FORMAL INVITATION PENDING FURTHER GUIDANCE FROM

DEPARTMENT. GARRISON

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